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SUMMARY: SECURITY POLICE HAVE ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO  
REV. DAVID RUSSELL TO APPEAR IN CAPE TOWN COURT APRIL 25  
ON CHARGES OF PRODUCING AND DISTRIBUTING UNDESIRABLE  
DOCUMENTS. IN PRETORIA, SECRETARY OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS  
CONFERENCE AND A LUTHERAN MINISTER WERE DETAINED AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED. THE FORMER IS TO BE CHARGED WITH  
DISTRIBUTING AN ILLEGAL PUBLICATION. END SUMMARY.

1. SECURITY POLICE APRIL 21 INSTRUCTED REV. DAVID RUSSELL,  
AN ANGLICAN PRIEST AND AUTHOR OF A RECENT PUBLICATION  
ALLEGING MISCONDUCT BY THE RIOT POLICE (REFTEL), TO APPEAR  
IN MAGISTRATE'S COURT APRIL 25 ON CHARGES OF PRODUCING  
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UNDESIRABLE LITERATURE AND POSSESSING A BANNED PUBLICA-  
TION. POLICE WERE ALSO KNOWN TO BE TRYING TO CONTACT  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE MINISTERS FRATERNAL, INCLUDING  
REV. MOSES MOLETSANE (ANGLICAN), FATHER D. O'RIORDAN  
(CATHOLIC) AND BISHOP PATRICK MATOLENGWE (ANGLICAN).  
A SUBPOENA WAS ALSO ISSUED TO DOROTHY CLEMENSHAW, A  
STAFF MEMBER OF THE SA INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS WHOEHAS ASSISTED I

N PREPARATION OF SOME OF THE PUBLICATIONS  
IN QUESTION.

2. IN PRETORIA, SECURITY POLICE AGAIN RAIDED (PRETORIA 1444) THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE. FATHER SCHOLTEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CONFERENCE, WAS DETAINED AND CHARGED IN PRETORIA MAGISTRATE'S COURT FOR DISTRIBUTING A BANNED PUBLICATION. HE WAS RELEASED AFTER CONFISCATION OF HIS PASSPORT AND PAYMENT OF R50 BAIL. HEARING OF THE CASE WAS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 29. A LUTHERAN MINISTER IN MAMELODI TOWNSHIP OUTSIDE PRETORIA, REV. E. K. LEGOTLO, WAS DETAINED BY POLICE AND RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING.

3. CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE DIRECTOR FOR CAPE PROVINCE, REV. THEO KOTZE, TOLD CONGENOFF THAT POLICE INFORMED RUSSELL HE IS TO BE CHARGED FOR POSSESSION OF TWO BANNED DOCUMENTS, A STATEMENT OF GRIEVANCES ISSUED BY THE MINISTERS FRATERNAL OF CAPE TOWN'S THREE BLACK TOWNSHIPS AT BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR (CAPE TOWN A-03) AND A DOCUMENT ISSUED IN LATE JANUARY ACCUSING RIOT POLICE OF INCITING AND ASSISTING MIGRANT WORKERS IN ATTACKING NYANGA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS DURING RIOTS OVER CHRISTMAS WEEKEND (CAPE TOWN A-07). IN CONNECTION WITH HIS FOLLOWUP MEMORANDUM TO PARLIAMENT MEMBERS ON THE ROLE OF THE RIOT POLICE (REFTTEL), WHICH ITSELF WAS BANNED APRIL 22, RUSSELL IS TO BE CHARGED WITH PUBLISHING "UNDESIRABLE LITERATURE" UNDER THE TERMS OF THE PUBLICATIONS ACT. RUSSELL IS ALREADY FACING THREE-MONTH SENTENCE, WHICH IS BEING APPEALED, FOR REFUSING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DIVULGE NAMES OF WITNESSES WHOSE ALLEGATIONS OF POLICE MISCONDUCT WERE PUBLISHED IN THE EARLIER DOCUMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH IT TOO HAS NOW BEEN BANNED, RUSSELL'S MEMORANDUM TO MPS DID RESULT IN REPORTED ADMISSION BY ERNST VAN GRAAN, SECRETARY OF THE CILLIE COMMISSION, IN STATEMENT ISSUED APRIL 21 THAT COMMISSION HAD RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM FROM NYANGA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION. VAN GRAAN SAID COMMISSION WAS AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION FROM ATTORNEYS FOR THE ASSOCIATION BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO RETURN TO CAPE TOWN FOR FURTHER HEARINGS. CILLIE COMMISSION WAS APPOINTED BY SAG TO INQUIRE INTO CAUSES OF LAST YEAR'S RIOTS.BOWDLER

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